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The Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to submit herewith the national report of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017) (see annex).

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Report of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2397 (2017)

The Lao People's Democratic Republic supports the efforts of the Security Council and the international community in response to the threat to international peace and security posed by nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

Being consistently committed to fulfilling its obligations under Security Council resolutions, the Lao People's Democratic Republic has taken the following measures in compliance with resolution 2397 (2017):

(a) The Government has issued an instruction to all relevant ministries and agencies to strictly implement the provisions of the resolution;

(b) The text of resolution 2397 (2017), as well as the list of individuals and the entity subject to the travel ban and/or asset freeze in the annexes to the resolution, has been translated into Lao and distributed to the relevant ministries and agencies;

(c) The Government has constantly upgraded its import and export control system and regulations with a view to fulfilling international requirements and ensuring the effective implementation of Security Council resolutions relating to non-proliferation.

The Government wishes to report further that there has been no trade in, or exchange of, goods between the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Crude oil, refined oil, food and agricultural products, machinery, electrical equipment, wood, vessels, industrial machinery, transportation vehicles, iron, steel and other metals have never been exported to or imported from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Regarding employment, the work authorizations granted by the Lao People's Democratic Republic to nationals of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea prior to the adoption of resolution 2397 (2017) will expire by the end of 2018 and will not be renewed.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic reaffirms its commitment to implementing Security Council resolutions and reiterates its consistent support for peace, stability and denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula and for resolving disputes by peaceful means.